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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the above-titled application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

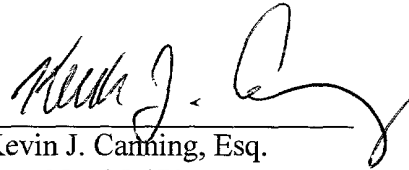
Please amend Claims 14, 15 and 16 as follows:

14. (Amended) The electronic device as recited in claim 13, wherein the documents are markup language documents.
15. (Amended) The electronic device as recited in claim 13, wherein the markup language include executable content for viewing images.
16. (Amended) The electronic device of claim 13, wherein the software facility is an applet.

REMARKS

Applicant amends claims 14, 15 and 16 as set forth above. The above amendments introduce no new subject matter. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is in order and requested. If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendment to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number below.

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